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May It Please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1983.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

It is my pleasure to forward to you the Ninth Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission in accordance with Section 34(1) of *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act*, depicting the affairs of the Commission in the 1982 - 83 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian J. Wilson, Chairman
The Saskatchewan Community
Legal Services Commission

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FOREWORD

The Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Plan formally came into existence with the proclamation of *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act, 1974*, on the 20th day of August, 1974.

This Act was subsequently amended by *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act*. The implementation of the Act remains the responsibility of various community groups charged with the delivery of quality legal services in their respective areas.

Section 34(1) of *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act*, provides that

"The commission shall, in accordance with *The Tabling of Documents Act*, prepare and submit to the minister:

(a) a report respecting the conduct of the business and affairs of the commission for its immediately preceding fiscal year;

(b) a financial statement showing the business of the commission for such fiscal year, in such forms as may be required by Treasury Board."

This, the Ninth Annual report of the Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission is prepared in accordance with that provision and reflects the affairs of the commission for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1982 and ending March 31, 1983.

INTRODUCTION

The story of Legal Aid Services across Canada has been one of growing pressures to meet increased needs. So it has been in Saskatchewan. In this, the ninth year of the Plan, figures show yet another increase in intake of more than 2,000 over the previous year. That the increase was not more dramatic was a reflection of the way in which under its current organization and funding, the capacity to deliver services was peaking out.

Although there was modest increase in expenditures through the private bar, the Commission felt it necessary to suspend referrals to the private bar (except for the most serious of charges) for the latter half of the fiscal year, as part of the strategy to balance the budget. A further strategy was to suspend the employment of articling students for at least the reporting year.

On October 27, 1982, the Honourable J. Gary Lane, Attorney General for Saskatchewan, requested the Honourable M. A. MacPherson Q.C. to undertake an inquiry into the legal aid system as it exists today in this province. This inquiry was to focus attention upon the costs of the service and the efficiency quotient of the present organization; it was to give attention to the quality of the service and of those who provided it; it was to make an evaluation of efficiencies and of unnecessary activities; it was to examine the function of the Area Boards; particular attention was to be given to the services to citizens of native ancestry.

In February 1983 the Honourable M. A. MacPherson Q.C. submitted his report into the legal aid system.

The major recommendations of the report were:

(a) that the Legal Aid Commission assume direct responsibility for the delivery of legal services and that the local boards be relieved of authority over the staff who deliver the services. He further recommended that the boards be retained in some form to provide advice and local input.

(b) that the services delivered in each of the 13 areas be as far as possible of the same consistent level.

(c) that wherever possible, legal aid area offices be located in premises other than those owned or leased by the provincial government.

(d) that the legal directors be made clearly responsible for the quality of services delivered by the staff in their offices.

(e) that in-service education programs for lawyers and paralegals are essential.

(f) that a portion of the budget of the Commission should go to the employment of members of the private bar within the discretion of the Commission and its offices.

(g) that further cooperation between Legal Aid and the Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan be encouraged.

(h) that the Statutory provision that legal aid areas be coterminous with social services areas be abandoned.

(i) that the Legal Aid Commission be so established as to ensure that government appointments should be in the minority and that the present number of nine be expanded.

As a consequence of the report on legal aid by the Honourable M. A. MacPherson Q.C., the government drafted new legislation to be introduced at the 1983 Spring session of the legislature. At the time of reporting, the new legislation was to come into force in the 1983-84 year.

For the reporting year, federal contributions to the provision of legal aid in criminal matters under the Federal-Provincial Cost Sharing Agreement are estimated to be 1.2 million dollars which is approximately 20% of the gross expenditures of legal aid in Saskatchewan. The continuing lack of a revised Federal-Provincial Agreement is a matter of some concern to the Commission.

Saskatchewan maintained its representation on and support of the National Legal Aid Research Centre based at the University of Ottawa; however legal aid plans across Canada were brought to the realization that in a time of restraint most could not provide continuing support for the Centre and the Chairman of the Board (the Chairman of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission) was asked to arrange for the Centre's dissolution. All but the formalities of dissolution were completed prior to the end of the reporting year.

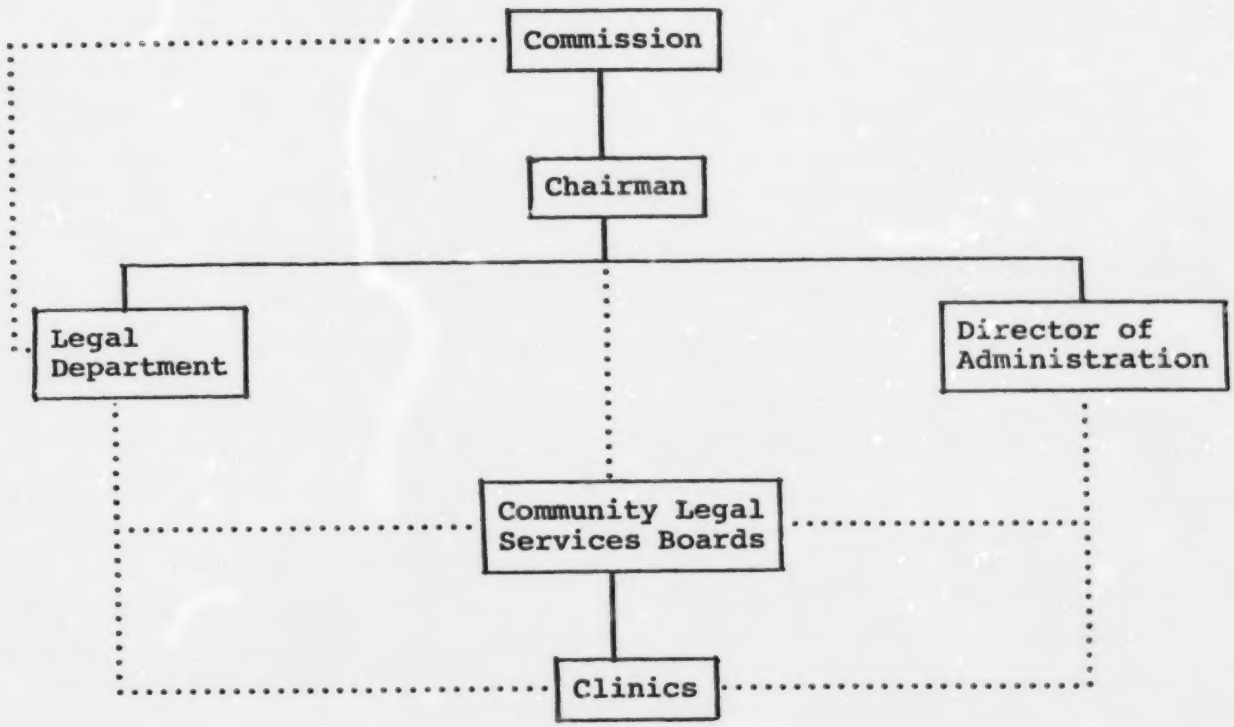
The Canadian Association of Legal Aid Plans held its annual meeting of directors in Whitehorse in June 1983.

Formal meetings of the Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission were held on the following dates:

April 16, 1982	November 19, 1982
April 20, 1982	December 10, 1982
May 21, 1982	January 21, 1983
June 25, 1982	March 3, 1983
September 17, 1982	March 18, 1983
October 15, 1982	March 31, 1983

In this period of continuing restraint the Commission predicts a growing strain on its responsibility to provide legal services to all eligible clients. With restricted public funding, the Commission will have to review all aspects of its operation including the determination of eligibility and the extent of the services which can be provided. No doubt the coming of new legislation will make it encumbent upon the Commission to ensure that any reorganization does have demonstrable cost benefits.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



THE COMMISSION

The overall provincial coordination of legal aid in Saskatchewan is provided by The Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission which is an independent body corporate composed of nine members as follows:

(a) three members appointed by the chairmen of the boards from amongst their number and from the directors of the boards;

(b) one member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council from among members of the Law Society of Saskatchewan nominated for the purpose by the benchers of the Society;

(c) three members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;

(d) one member who is a member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan appointed by the Attorney General of Canada;

(e) one member who is an employee of the Department of the Attorney General appointed by the minister.

Those members who served on the Commission during the 1982-83 fiscal year were:

IAN J. WILSON, Chairman, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

ELTON DAVIDGE, Community Worker and Secretary-Treasurer of the Parkland Legal Services Inc., Yorkton. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards.

DAVID NEUFELD, Minister and Chairperson of the Battlefords and Area Legal Services Society Inc., North Battleford. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards.

STIRLING BOYD, Community Worker and Chairperson of the Pasqua Community Legal Services Society, Melfort. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards effective June 25, 1982.

MYRNA SIEWERT, Community Worker and Chairperson of the Meadow Lake and District Legal Services Society, Meadow Lake. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards. Resigned June 19, 1982.

PETER FOLEY, Barrister and Solicitor, Saskatoon. Appointed from the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

PATRICIA LORJE, Psychologist, Saskatoon Mental Health Centre, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

MABEL WAGSTAFF, Community Worker, Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan. Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

A. QUENTIN AGNEW, Barrister and Solicitor, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Attorney General of Canada.

JAMES BENNING, Department of the Attorney General, Regina. Appointed by the Attorney General of Saskatchewan.

DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

The commission shall:

(a) prepare and submit annually to the minister, in a manner acceptable to him, a summary and estimate of the financial requirements of the commission for the next following fiscal year;

(b) receive sums appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of the commission and for the purpose of the administration of this Act;

(c) provide funds to boards pursuant to area contracts entered into with such boards;

(c.1) by itself or through any person it may delegate, negotiate area contracts;

(d) establish, after consultation with the Law Society of Saskatchewan, a tariff of fees pursuant to which solicitors rendering their services under this Act shall receive remuneration for such services;

(e) administer and make the required payments under the tariff of fees established under clause (d);

(f) evaluate the legal services rendered pursuant to this Act;

(g) annually pay into the consolidated fund, within three months following the end of each fiscal year, any surplus remaining from the grants received by it during that fiscal year;

(h) make no expenditures and assume no obligations or commitments which exceed the amount placed at its disposal for the year during which those expenditures, obligations or commitments are made or assumed;

(i) provide information to the minister on any matter respecting the provision of legal services;

the regulations, establish procedures to determine eligibility of applicants for legal services.

POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

Subject to this Act and the regulations, the commission may:

(a) establish and describe the boundaries of areas which, so far as is practical, shall be coterminous with the boundaries of regions established by the Department of Social Services for the purposes of that department;

(b) establish guidelines, procedures and requirements pursuant to which boards shall make available legal and other services under this Act;

(c) ratify area contracts;

(d) approve a board for each area;

(d.1) withhold funds from a board where the board acts contrary to the provisions of the area contract in effect in respect of that board or contrary to the proper instructions of the commission;

(e) retain solicitors or other persons for the purpose of providing legal services under this Act;

(f) encourage, and assist by means of grants or otherwise, the programs of any full-time undergraduate students of a college or faculty of law of a university in Canada recognized by the University of Saskatchewan where such programs have objects consistent with the objects of this Act;

(g) authorize a board to utilize full-time university law students in providing legal services; but the student shall be supervised by a solicitor and shall not appear as counsel in any superior, district or surrogate court;

(h) make public by means of advertising or otherwise the nature and extent of the legal services available under this Act;

(i) establish and conduct such programs as the commission considers advisable to provide services to persons and organizations to prevent legal problems arising in connection with their

affairs and generally to carry out the objects of this Act;

(j) notwithstanding section 15, retain persons to administer the provisions of this Act and where the commission considers it advisable, any such person shall, subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the commission, become an employee of a board;

(k) do such things as are necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of this Act.

LOCAL AREA BOARDS

The Act provides for the appointment of area boards, representing local community groups which are incorporated under the *Societies Act*. These area boards have as a primary objective the provision of legal services to area residents.

Thirteen areas covering the province are now represented by local boards.

The power and duties of the board are as follows:

(a) advise its employees respecting the legal needs of the residents of the area;

(b) establish committees to which applicants who have been denied legal services on financial grounds may appeal such denial;

(c) negotiate any area contract for the area with the commission or its delegate;

(d) establish programs providing information and counselling in legal and associated matters;

(e) make public information as to the services available in the area under this Act;

(f) except for solicitors, retain or dismiss such staff as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the area contract;

(g) administer the funds received from the commission pursuant to the area contract;

(h) retain or dismiss solicitors provided that any agreement to retain a solicitor and any dismissal of a solicitor must have the prior approval of the commission or any person designated by the commission for that purpose;

(i) make all necessary arrangements including the acquisition of premises, supplies and furnishings as are required to provide legal services in accordance with the area contract;

(j) no board shall make any expenditures or assume any obligations or commitments which exceed the amount placed at its disposal for the year during which those expenditures, obligations or agreements are made or assumed, and any surplus in funds shall be refunded to the commission at the end of that year;

(k) any property purchased by a board with funds supplied by the commission is deemed to be held in trust for the commission.

The clinical offices in the province and the location and membership of the local boards is hereafter noted.

Community Legal Services Area	Community Legal Services Board	Central Office	Sub-Offices	Board of Directors
1	The Regina Community Legal Services Society (serving urban Regina)	2331 - 11th Avenue Regina, Sask. S4P 0K2 (306) 522-3641		Bill Rafoss (Chairperson) Ron Thompson Donna Ross Carol Bryant Noel Parisien Bob Gay Elaine Jerome-Roemer Brian Hamill Gordon Mayer Ralph Ottenbreit Bill Howe
2	The Moose Jaw & District Legal Services Society (serving the Moose Jaw area)	113 - 110 Ominica Street West Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 6V2 (306) 693-6422		Lorne Horsman (Chairperson) Corinne Bokitch Sharon Ericson C. Willy Hodgson Fern Ross Kay Krueger Birthe Getzlaf Ken Dillon Peter Guilliaume
3	The Valley Legal Assistance Clinic Society (serving rural Saskatoon)	#203 Avenue Building 220 3rd Avenue South Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 1L9 (306) 244-0947	Duck Lake Beardy's Reserve Humboldt Watrous Biggar Rosthern	Donalda Topping (Chairperson) Ellen Bahnman Shirley Fleury Dorothy Fast Morgan St. Germaine Lionel Ledoux Herman Dyck Ed Tollefson Leonard Pambrun Clovis Regnier Eva Regnier Fern St. Germaine Rocky St. Germaine

4	The Parkland Legal Services Inc. (serving the Yorkton area)	41 Broadway West P.O. Box 69 Yorkton, Sask. S3N 2V6 (306) 783-6533		Mark Swartout (Chairperson) Bob Bromley Elton Davidge Iona Bagnell Jane Morrow Seline Pawelko W. Arliss Dellow Ted Quewezance Dennie O'Soup Rose Cadotte George Kayseas Clay Serby Gladys LaVallee Henry Pelletier James Whitehawk Eli Boucher Lucy Romaniuk representative from Yorkton Friendship Centre
5	The P.A. & District Community Legal Services Society (serving the Prince Albert area)	11th Floor, McIntosh Mall 800 Central Avenue P.O. Box 3003 Prince Albert, Sask. S6V 6Z2 (306) 922-9850		Gus Louison (Chairperson) Bob Andrews Merv Aubichon Carol Cherkewich Merrill Fiddler Curtis Smeby Doug Fiddler Norma Green
6	The Battlefords & Area Legal Services Society Inc. (serving the Battleford area)	1192 - 103rd Street P.O. Box 730 North Battleford, Sask. S9A 2Z1 (306) 445-6187		David Neufeld (Chairperson) Wilfred Tootoosis Gene Krawetz Darrel Shaule Maurice Fauchon Hilda Swiftwolfe Vic Muirhead Donna Paskimin
7	The South East Saskatchewan Legal Services Society (serving the Estevan-Weyburn area)	1314B - 3rd Street P.O. Box 326 Estevan, Sask. S4A 2A4 (306) 634-6449	Weyburn	Kenneth Truscott (Chairperson) Ethel Hood Arlene Clement Ernie Dreger Chris Masniuk Barb Mullen Doug Turnbull Jim Walls
8	The Saskatchewan Community Legal Service Commission (South West Office) (serving the Swift Current area)	510 350 Cheadle St. West P.O. Box 817 Swift Current, Sask. S9H 3W8 (306) 773-2904	Maple Creek Kindersley	Ian J. Wilson (Chairperson) Elton Davidge David Neufeld Peter Foley Stirling Boyd Patricia Lorje Jim Benning Quentin Agnew
9	The Pasqua Community Legal Services Society (serving the Melfort-Tisdale area)	101 Burrows West P.O. Box 2680 Melfort, Sask. S0E 1A0 (306) 752-5717	Nipawin	Stirling Boyd (Chairperson) Ed Tanner Jane Lancaster Ernie McKenzie Cecil Opheim Mabel Wagstaff Ole Hanson Carol Fiedelleck

10	The Qu'Appelle Region Community Legal Services Society Incorporated (serving rural Regina)	#3 - 281 Albert St. Regina, Sask. S4R 2N5 (306) 545-8700	Punnichy Moosomin	Mike Walker (Chairperson) Ed Nofield Jack Fraser Gertrude Vass George Missens Armand Greyeyes Albert Bellerose Vincent Obey Bob Cole Mary Worm
11	The Meadow Lake and District Legal Services Society (serving Meadow Lake area)	220 Centre Street P.O. Box 1630 Meadow Lake, Sask. S0M 1V0 (306) 236-4464	Spiritwood Green Lake Loon Lake Pierceland	Ernest Morin (Chairperson) Robert Larocque Gladys Joseph Mary Fortin Phyllis McRae Lloyd Pepper Theresa Tourand
12	Yetha Ayisiniwuk Legal Services Society (Northern Office) (serving Northern Saskatchewan)	P.O. Box 510 La Ronge, Sask. S0J 1L0 (306) 425-2130		Bev Fosseneuve (Chairperson) Vicci LaVallee Elmer Morin Medrick Thomas Ellen Loutitt Wayne McNeil Janet Holmgren John Lepine T. J. Roy Ida Lemaigre Eddie Janvier Ben Garr Abe Tcho Frances Underwood William Dumais
13	The Saskatoon Legal Assistance Clinic Society (serving urban Saskatoon)	210 - 728 Spadina Crescent East Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 4H7 (306) 653-5160		Greg Walen (Chairperson) Norm Biram Heather Blair Ron Camponi Linda Charlton Vivian Fisher Bill Goggin Corinne Hollingshead Lorna Knudson Bev Lapointe Dorothy Lavigne Ed Lucier Ken Norman Colin Rope Wayne Wescott

ELIGIBILITY AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

The object of the Act is to provide legal services to persons and organizations in respect of civil and criminal matters where such persons and organizations are financially unable to secure such services by reason of their own resources and where such services are not fee generating services.

The Regulations outlining the financial criteria are hereinafter prescribed:

"2 (1) Subject to the Act, an applicant is eligible to receive legal services under the Plan:

(a) when he receives all or part of his income pursuant to social assistance;

(b) when he does not receive any of his income pursuant to a program of social assistance and he has an income equal to or less than that which he would be entitled to receive under social assistance; or

(c) when the obtaining of legal services outside of the plan would reduce the income of an applicant to a point whereby he would become eligible for the benefits under social assistance;

(2) A client who is eligible pursuant to subsection (1) (c) may be required by the commission to make a contribution towards the payment of the costs of the legal services rendered on his behalf;

(3) Contributions are payable to the commission and their amount shall be fixed by an eligibility officer;

(4) No contribution shall be in an amount so large as to reduce the income of the applicant to a level where he would be eligible for social assistance;

(5) A group, organization or society, the membership of which is predominantly eligible persons, shall also be eligible to receive legal services under the plan;

(6) An applicant shall not be required to dispose of his principal place of residence or assets necessary to maintain his livelihood."

The Regulations of *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act*, with respect to the scope of services are as follows:

"3 (1) Except as otherwise provided in the Act or in these regulations, a client may receive legal services under the plan in respect of any proceedings or proposed proceedings, or proceedings reasonably anticipated by him,

(a) in any court or other tribunal in Saskatchewan;

(b) in the Federal Court of Canada;

(c) in the Supreme Court of Canada; or

(d) in any court or other tribunal in Canada with the written approval of the Chairman;

(2) Subject to the Act and these regulations, a client may receive appropriate and proper legal services under the plan in respect of drawing documents, negotiating settlements, or giving advice or assistance or supplying information where the subject matter or nature thereof affects the legal rights of the applicant;

(3) With respect to offences set out under Section 21 of the Act, and with respect to offences under an act of the Legislature of Saskatchewan, when the crown appeals a decision by a court, a solicitor acting for a client may continue to act for that client;

(4) Other legal services shall not be taken to appeal without the prior consent of the Chairman or such person as he may have designated in writing for that purpose."

CLINICAL INTAKE STATISTICS
1982 - 1983

	Regina Community Legal Services Society	Moose Jaw & District Legal Services Society	Valley Legal Assistance Clinic Society	Parkland Legal Services Inc.	P.A. & District Community Legal Services Society	Battlefords & Area Legal Services Society Inc.	South East Saskatchewan Legal Services Society	South West Community Legal Services Society	Pasqua Community Legal Services Society	Qu'Appelle Region Community Legal Services Society Incorporated	Meadow Lake & District Legal Services Society	Northern Legal Services Office	Saskatoon Legal Assistance Clinic Society	TOTAL INTAKE STATISTICS	TOTAL COMPLETED CASES
SERVICES	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83
CRIMINAL CASES															
Homicide	38	3	2	8	18	6	4	3	1	3	6	7	8	107	93
Juvenile Delinquents Act	104	36	3	50	24	9	15	3	3	29	10	120	123	529	522
Rape	10	2	3	3	3	6	33	—	9	3	1	2	14	89	98
Robbery	82	4	7	8	24	9	2	7	2	16	8	21	52	242	256
Theft	902	101	114	305	398	210	67	47	96	212	135	288	624	3499	3229
B & E	474	48	83	297	259	103	77	23	79	179	131	390	183	2326	2233
Drunk & Impaired Driving	289	73	72	180	240	115	50	22	127	242	152	337	45	1944	1857
Other Motor Vehicle Offences	143	4	30	62	84	19	10	4	23	33	10	93	25	540	532
Narcotics	102	19	8	29	99	22	14	11	17	22	8	20	97	468	462
Assault	230	33	34	69	119	64	26	12	42	100	54	257	194	1234	1143
Fraud, False Pretences	488	53	19	185	159	67	81	31	33	85	34	79	160	1474	1357
Provincial Criminal Cases	27	—	3	19	127	25	—	4	10	146	198	299	1	859	859
Other	979	134	105	268	729	165	155	49	214	288	195	942	707	4930	4388
FAMILY MATTERS															
Divorce	141	85	60	42	164	80	53	50	65	42	48	52	339	1221	1097
Custody	185	45	100	22	115	53	14	14	24	67	46	52	202	939	796
Maintenance	109	38	85	33	68	66	37	32	44	29	23	72	170	806	834
Separation	129	80	54	75	109	68	21	33	39	31	22	61	217	939	903
Matrimonial Property	76	16	49	3	29	9	11	1	15	12	14	28	52	315	288
Other	14	11	25	15	40	63	2	7	40	7	9	63	127	423	358
DISPUTE PERTAINING TO GOVT. BENEFIT ALLOW.															
UIC	4	3	14	3	14	6	3	2	—	2	15	17	—	83	82
CPP	—	—	4	1	1	1	—	—	1	2	5	15	—	30	25
Old Age Pension	—	—	5	—	6	3	1	4	3	1	28	12	—	63	56
Workers' Compensation	3	2	5	—	4	5	2	3	2	—	3	9	10	48	55
Pensions - Other	—	1	9	1	7	1	—	2	4	—	13	11	9	58	54
WILLS, ESTATES & LAND															
Wills	15	21	13	17	20	9	14	7	20	3	24	14	33	210	224
Estates	14	10	16	16	16	11	3	2	23	10	13	19	10	163	171
Land	18	4	8	11	10	—	1	1	11	10	24	77	10	185	174

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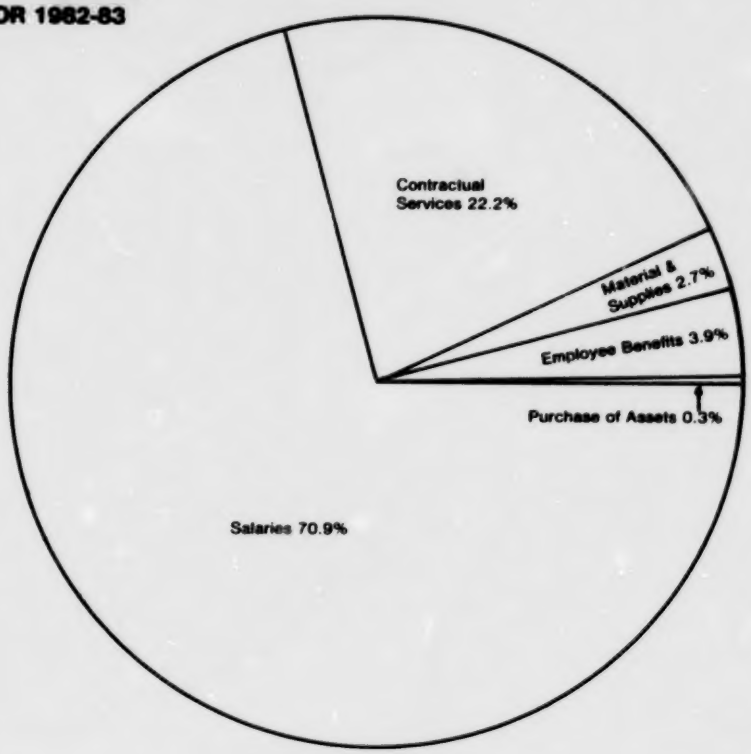
MISCELLANEOUS	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83	82/83
Consumer Problems	2	2	2	7	15	9	5	6	3	4	13	34	24	126	121
Debt Problems	49	34	55	45	45	23	20	11	39	22	26	55	161	585	528
Bankruptcies	11	1	6	8	5	4	1	7	3	3	5	4	21	79	72
Other Financial	60	3	16	9	45	10	4	7	12	4	12	39	—	221	179
Disputes Welfare Allow.	13	3	10	12	21	16	4	4	3	3	31	17	29	166	162
Apprehension	104	16	9	10	43	32	2	3	6	11	19	31	37	323	308
Landlord & Tenant	26	9	5	11	21	7	6	9	6	1	19	37	29	186	169
Labour, Wages & Empl.	11	8	13	5	22	2	5	3	4	3	10	30	51	167	148
Organization Problems	14	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	4	16	8	46	49
Personal Injury	9	1	2	—	38	1	1	—	3	6	3	14	16	94	101
Auto Accidents	21	4	7	4	29	15	2	1	4	3	7	23	18	138	125
Change of Name	—	—	3	7	19	7	4	3	9	3	5	24	3	87	91
Defamation	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	2	3	12	11
Small Claims Court	5	6	2	3	11	2	1	1	8	2	7	28	38	114	92
Insurance	8	9	7	8	17	6	2	1	11	7	14	12	47	149	127
Immigration	6	—	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	8	18	44	37
Income Tax	2	1	23	18	27	—	—	1	5	2	138	88	4	309	285
Veterans	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	7	3
Other	91	27	99	23	140	75	13	7	90	17	233	174	144	1133	1051
Public Information	8	1	7	3	3	3	—	1	—	—	—	120	1	147	134
Referral to Another Legal Services Office	37	1	135	2	19	—	3	7	—	4	5	22	—	235	246
Referral to Private Solicitor	43	4	36	3	14	1	4	3	—	—	1	44	—	153	152
Referral to Another Agency	7	—	23	1	7	—	3	2	—	3	3	20	—	69	63
Total	5108	956	1393	1904	3428	1411	777	453	1155	1676	1788	4201	4064	28314	26400

In addition to these figures, the Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission handled approximately 127 intake cases from its central office.

ANALYSIS OF TOTAL CLINICAL EXPENDITURE FOR 1982-83



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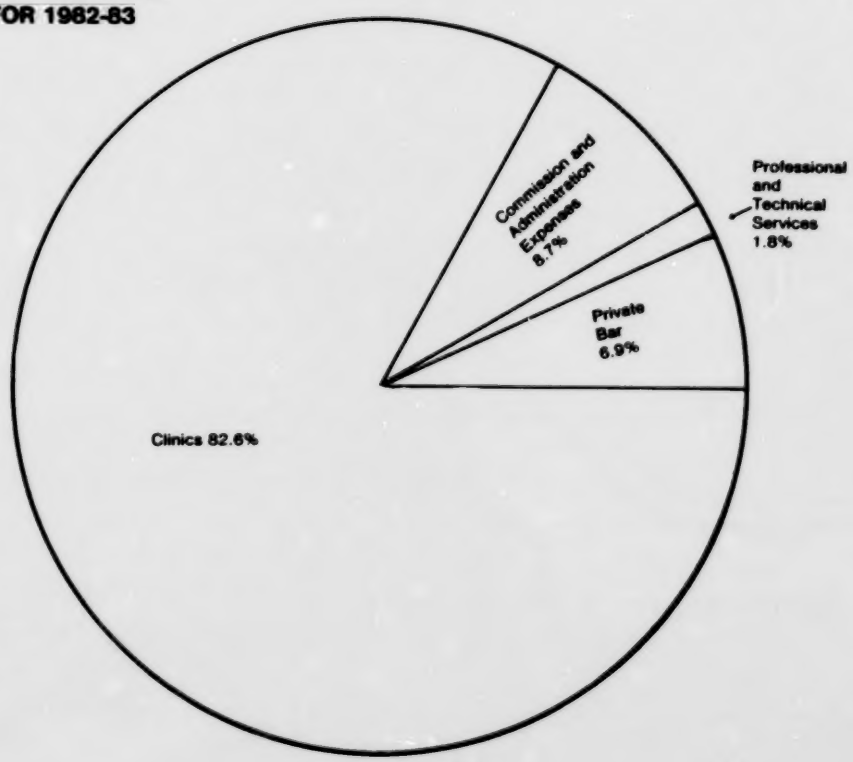
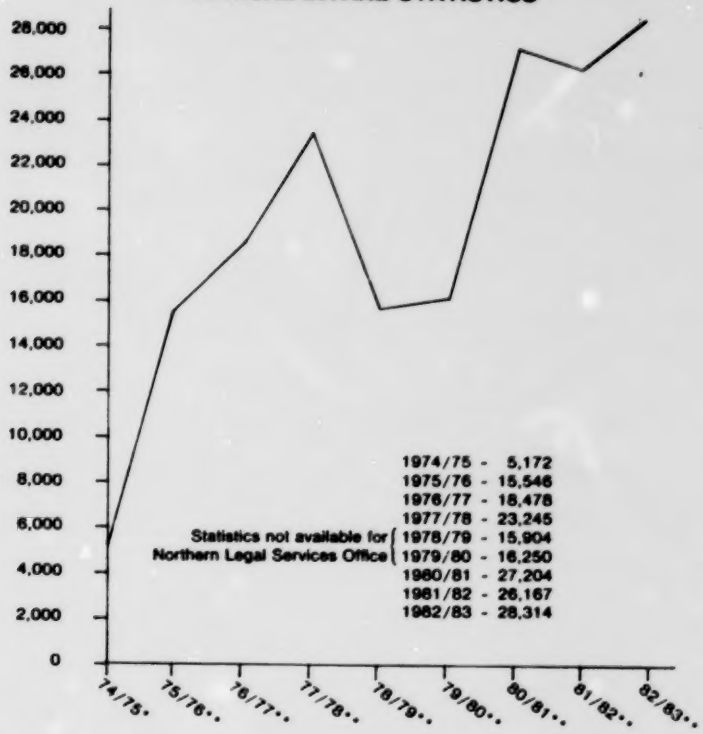


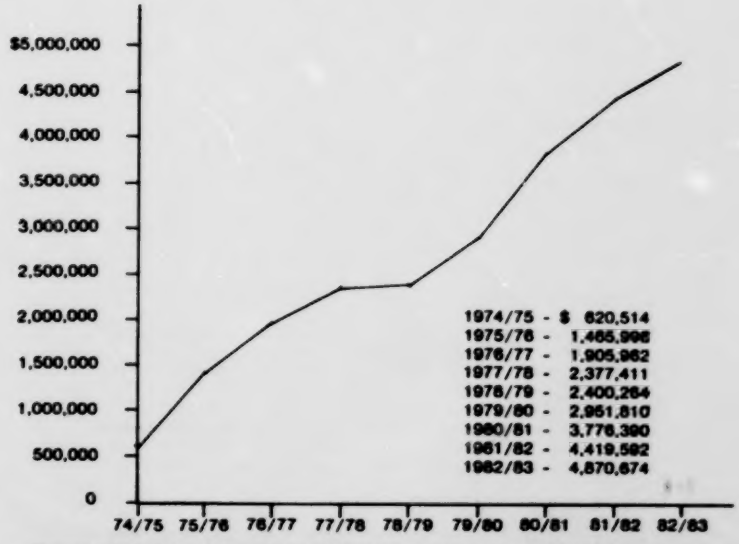
CLINICAL INTAKE STATISTICS



* August 20, 1974-March 31, 1975 — Two clinics fully operational and three partially

** August 1, 1975-March 31, 1983 — Thirteen clinics operational

CLINICAL COSTS

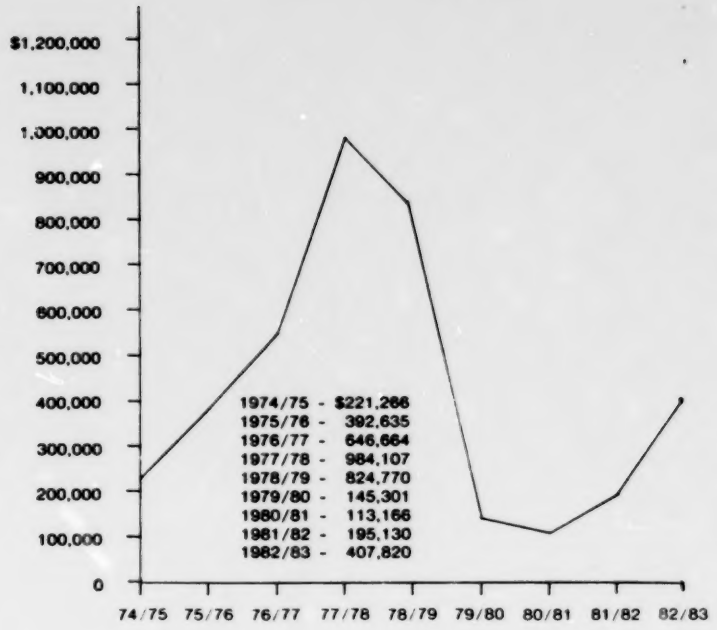


Figures include the cost of providing criminal and civil legal services and administrative costs.

THE PRIVATE BAR OF SASKATCHEWAN

Type of Service	Number of Cases Completed 78/79	79/80	80/81	81/82	82/83
Federal Criminal Cases:					
Unlawful Homicide	82	35	35	49	76
Juvenile Delinquents Act	11	0	1	0	0
Rape	41	17	15	22	26
Robbery	115	83	34	56	93
Theft, B & E, Possession of Stolen Property	884	157	58	76	108
Drunk & Impaired Driving	238	23	4	4	5
Other Motor Vehicle Offences	178	0	0	0	0
Narcotics	191	45	22	21	36
Assault	219	14	15	15	14
Fraud, False Pretences	167	13	9	14	13
Other	436	118	22	74	76
TOTAL CRIMINAL MATTERS	2562	505	215	331	447
Civil Matters:					
Divorce	103	44	23	6	3
Custody & Access	42	11	2	5	14
Separation	41	12	0	0	0
Marital Property	15	3	0	1	0
Other Family Matters	4	4	0	0	2
Debt	6	0	1	2	0
Bankruptcy	2	0	0	0	0
Workers' Compensation	1	0	0	0	0
Deserted Wives' & Children's Maintenance Act	17	0	0	1	0
Landlord & Tenant Act	1	0	0	0	0
Automobile Accidents	3	0	2	0	0
Children of Unmarried Parents Act	8	0	0	0	0
Wills & Estates	5	0	0	0	0
Labour Dispute	7	0	0	0	0
Adoption	1	0	1	0	0
Maintenance & Access	0	5	1	0	1
Land Transactions	1	0	0	0	0
Welfare Apprehensions	16	0	0	0	32
Miscellaneous	8	41	8	32	26
TOTAL CIVIL MATTERS	281	120	38	47	78
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES COMPLETED BY THE PRIVATE BAR	**2843**	**625**	**253**	**378**	**525**

PRIVATE BAR COSTS



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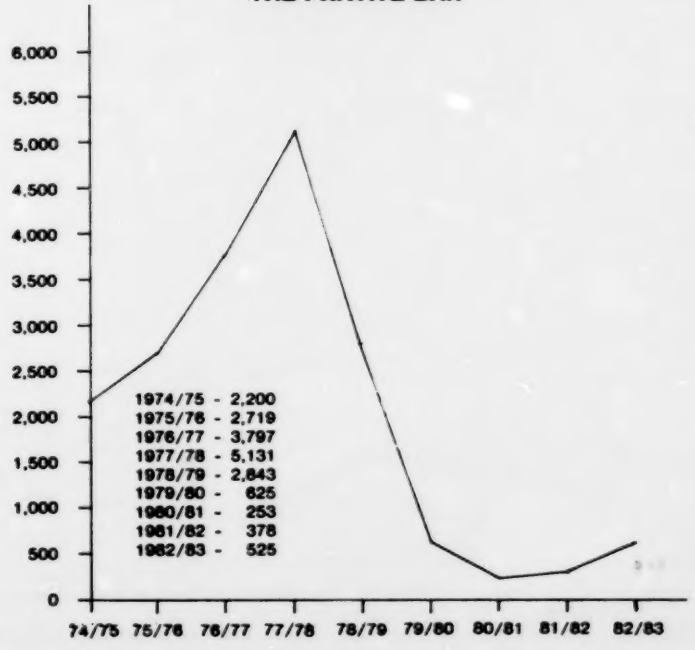


RECIPROCITY

The Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Plan participates in a nation wide agreement between the provinces to provide legal services to eligible applicants resident in other provinces and requiring legal services in Saskatchewan. Alternatively, Saskatchewan refers eligible applicants resident here who require services in other provinces. Those referrals are statistically reflected in the following table:

REFERRED TO:

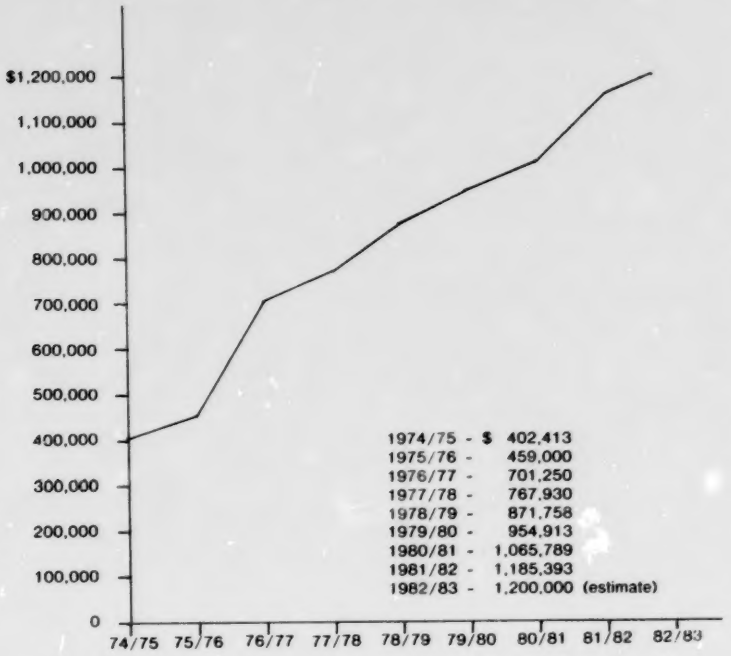
	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	N.B.	Nfld.	Ontario	Quebec	Out of Country	Total
Custody	16	11	5			6			38
Maintenance	7	9	2		1	2			21
Divorce	3	1	2			2	1		9
Debt	2								2
Civil Action	2		1			1			4
Personal Injury	1								1
Landlord Tenant	1								1
Matrimonial Property	1	1	1			1			4
Contract		1							1
Access		1							1
Child Apprehension	1								1
Replevin						2			2
Estate	1	1							2
TOTAL	35	25	11	0	1	14	1	0	87

REFERRED FROM:

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	N.B.	Nfld.	Ontario	Quebec	Out of Country	Total
Custody	9	6	14			4			33
Maintenance	3	6	3			1			13
Divorce	1	1	1		1	1		1	6
Civil Action				1					1
Child Apprehension			3			1			4
Access	2	2							4
Contract			1						1
Replevin			1		1				2
Adoption			1						1
Child Snatching		1							1
Matrimonial Property		1							1
TOTAL	15	17	24	1	2	7	0	1	67

FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL COST SHARING AGREEMENT (CRIMINAL)

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Province of Saskatchewan have a cost sharing arrangement respecting the provision of legal aid in criminal matters to eligible persons in need of such aid.



SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES BOARDS:	74/75	75/76	76/77	77/78	78/79	79/80	80/81	81/82	82/83
Barristers & Solicitors	15	31	34	38	33	47	55	55	56
Paralegals	4	19	23	23	15	21	23	25	25
Support Staff	36	51	45	47	44	49	53	51	51
SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION:									
Chairman	0	0	0	0	0	1*	1	1	1
Provincial Director	1	1	1	1	1	0*	0	0	0
General Counsel	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Director of Administration	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Director of Community Development	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Solicitor(s)	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	2
Legal Aid Officers	1	3	3	3	3	2	0	0	0
Support Staff	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	8	9
TOTAL EMPLOYEES OF THE PLAN	66	114	114	121	104	131	143	143	146

* Position of full-time Chairman was established September 1, 1979, at which time the position of Provincial Director was deleted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly
Province of Saskatchewan

I have examined the balance sheet of The Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission as at March 31, 1983 and the statement of revenue, expenditure, and operating deficit for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the commission as at March 31, 1983 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Regina, Saskatchewan
June 3, 1983

W. G. Lutz, F.C.A.,
Provincial Auditor

THE SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION

BALANCE SHEET

March 31, 1983

(with comparative figures at March 31, 1982)

	1983	1982
ASSETS		
Current:		
Cash	$ 53,988	$ 45,551
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	47,775	53,201
Prepaid expense	803	8,200
Total current assets	102,566	106,952
Fixed — at cost (Note 2)		
Furniture and equipment:		
Commission	27,100	26,447
South West Community Legal Services Office (Note 6)	7,507	—
	34,607	26,447
Library:		
Commission	47,457	55,589
South West Community Legal Services Office (Note 6)	43,445	—
	90,902	55,589
Total fixed assets	125,509	82,036
	$228,075	$188,988
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$114,069	$125,244
Equity:		
Equity in fixed assets (Note 2)	125,509	82,036
Operating deficit	(11,503)	(18,292)
Total equity	114,006	63,744
	$228,075	$188,988

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

THE SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, AND OPERATING DEFICIT

Year Ended March 31, 1983

(with comparative figures for the 1982 year)

	1983	1982
Revenue:		
Department of the Attorney General	$5,877,620	$5,136,100
Other	35,567	32,726
	5,913,187	5,168,826
Expenditures:		
Clinic expenses (Schedule 1)	4,870,674	4,419,592
Salaries	396,179	323,491
Legal services	404,323	226,062
Professional and technical services	105,920	100,479
Administration and operating expenses	53,696	49,708
Travel	22,933	22,185
Employee benefits	17,607	20,926
Purchase of fixed assets	10,026	10,119
Clinics' share of cost and contribution collected	9,345	12,853
Commissioners' expenses	6,747	7,219
Professional development	8,948	19,330
	5,906,398	5,211,964
Excess of revenue over expenditure/ (expenditure over revenue)	6,789	(43,138)
Operating (deficit) surplus, beginning of year	(18,292)	24,846
Operating deficit, end of year	$ (11,503)	$ (18,292)

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

THE SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 1983

Note 1: **Incorporation**

The Saskatchewan Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act came into force on August 20, 1974 by Order-in-Council 1349/74.

Note 2: **Fixed assets**

The Commission utilizes fund accounting wherein expenditures for fixed assets appear in the statement of revenue and expenditure. To maintain accountability for fixed assets, it is necessary to record them as a balance sheet asset with a corresponding entry to "Equity in Fixed Assets". Because fixed asset purchases are included in the statement of revenue and expenditure, no provision has been made for depreciation of the fixed assets.

All fixed assets of Boards purchased out of money provided by the Commission are deemed to be held in trust for the Commission and on the dissolution of any Board the fixed assets are to be returned to the Commission.

Note 3: **Accounts receivable**

The accounts receivable of $47,775 (1982 - $53,201) represents the excess of advances, made to the clinics, over the clinics' reimbursable expenses in the amount of $14,575 (1982 - $28,720), other receivables from clinics in the amount of $33,000 (1982 - $24,081) and travel advances in the amount of $200 (1982 - $400).

Note 4: **Contingent liabilities**

There were outstanding commitments for legal services of approximately $77,741 (1982 - $58,912) at the fiscal year end.

Note 5: **Office rent**

The office of the Commission is located in a government building and accordingly no rent is paid for the use of that space. Neither the value of this benefit nor the costs related to this space are reflected in the financial statements.

Note 6: The appointment of the South West Community Legal Services Society as a Board under The Saskatchewan Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act was terminated on June 25, 1982. The Commission has since operated the South West Community Legal Services Office.

Schedule 1

THE SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF CLINIC EXPENSES

Year Ended March 31, 1983

(with comparative figures for the 1982 year)

	1983	1982
Clinics Operated by Boards		
Regina Community Legal Services Society	$ 803,937	$ 696,934
The Valley Legal Assistance Clinic Society	287,372	306,067
The Saskatoon Legal Assistance Clinic Society	799,708	692,550
The Battlefords and Area Legal Services Society	299,066	273,506
Parkland Legal Services Inc.	285,913	260,569
Yetha Ayisiniwuk Legal Services Corporation	487,940	413,812
The Meadow Lake & District Legal Services Society	224,936	186,912
The Prince Albert & District Community Legal Services Society	522,045	435,934
The Pasqua Community Legal Services Society	250,452	249,384
Moose Jaw & District Legal Services Society	207,400	212,284
The South East Saskatchewan Legal Services Society	221,300	205,930
South West Community Legal Services Society	21,296	170,720
Qu'Appelle Region Community Legal Services Incorporated	346,831	314,990
Total operated by Boards	4,758,196	4,419,592
Clinic Operated by the Commission		
South West Community Legal Services Office	112,478	——
Total clinic expenses (Statement 2)	$4,870,674	$4,419,592